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THE HUMBLE  
ADDRESS

OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

The Lords Spiritual and Temporal,  
in Parliament assembled.

PRESENTED TO

HIS MAJESTY

On *Wednesday* the Fourteenth Day of *November* 1770.

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WITH

HIS MAJESTY'S

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

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**O**Rdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House, presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed, and published.

*Asbley Cowper,*  
Cler' Parliamentor'





The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled.

*Die Martis, 13<sup>o</sup> Novembris, 1770.*

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN



E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, return Your Majesty our humble Thanks for Your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

WE beg leave to offer Your Majesty our very sincere Congratulations on the safe and happy Delivery of the Queen, and the Birth of a Princess; and to assure Your Majesty of our unfeigned Joy at the Increase of Your domestic Happiness; and that we consider every Addition to Your illustrious House, from which these Kingdoms have received the most important Benefits, as a farther Security to our Religious and Civil Liberties.

WE are too sensible of the Blessing of Peace, not to feel the greatest Concern at any Event which threatens to interrupt its Continuance, and defeat Your Majesty's wise and gracious Purpose to maintain it. But, grateful as we are for this Proof of Your Majesty's paternal Regard to the Repose and Happiness of Your People, we owe Your Majesty no less Thanks for Your anxious Vigilance over the Honour of Your Crown, and the Interests of Your People.

WE return Your Majesty our most thankful Acknowledgements, as well for the immediate Demand, which Your Majesty has been pleased to make from the Court of *Spain*, of Satisfaction for the Injury received, as for the instant Preparations that Your Majesty made to do Yourself Justice, in case Your Requisition should fail of procuring it. And we are exceedingly happy to be assured, that Your Majesty will think it expedient to continue prepared to assert the Honour of Your Crown, and the Security of the Rights of Your People, upon an Event so deeply affecting both, until the Injury shall be properly repaired, and satisfactory Proof be given of the sincere Resolution of other Powers to preserve the general Tranquility of *Europe*. We, on our Part, beg Leave to assure Your Majesty, That we will not fail to make the utmost Efforts in our Power to maintain Objects so justly dear to us, as the Dignity of Your Majesty's Crown, and the Security of the national Rights.



WE are very happy to be informed, that the People in most of Your Majesty's Colonies in *North America* are departing from those Combinations which were calculated to distress the Commerce of this Kingdom; and we hope soon to see an entire End of those unwarrantable Practices, which have so long oppressed Your Majesty's Subjects in one of those Provinces.

WE are highly sensible of Your Majesty's Goodness and Care in taking such Precautions to secure this Country against the Visitation of that fatal Calamity, which has of late appeared in some of the distant Parts of *Europe*; and we shall always be ready to concur in any Measures that shall be found necessary to the Support of Your Majesty's Endeavours for so salutary a Purpose.

WE have the most grateful Sense of Your Majesty's favourable Opinion of our constant Endeavours to promote the true Interest of this Country. We will, in all our Deliberations upon Points of a domestic Nature, exert ourselves for the Extension of our Commerce, the Improvement of the Revenue, and the Maintenance of Order and Government: And we flatter ourselves, that Your Majesty will not be disappointed in the gracious Expectations You have formed of our Zeal, in the Support of Your Majesty's Crown, and the Reputation and Prosperity of Your Kingdoms.

## His MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

MY LORDS,

**I**T gives Me great Satisfaction to find, that you entertain so just a Sense of the Importance of Peace, while that desirable Object can be maintained consistently with the Honour of my Crown, and the Rights of My People. You may depend upon my best Endeavours to preserve that inestimable Blessing, so long as it is compatible with Objects still more essential to the Happiness and Prosperity of My Kingdoms.

*The affectionate Part you take in the happy Delivery of the Queen, and the Increase of My Family, gives Me much Pleasure.*

F I N I S.

